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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provide as follows:

> "*Rule 155*
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> "The General Assembly shall appoint an Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions consisting of sixteen members, including at least three financial experts of recognized standing.
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> "*Rule 156*
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> "The members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience and shall serve for a period of three years corresponding to three calendar years. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The three financial experts shall not retire simultaneously. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members or, in case of vacancies, at the next session."

2. On 20 July 2007, the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly (see A/61/101/Add.1) of a vacancy in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as a result of the resignation of Jun Yamazaki (Japan), and of the nomination by the Government of Japan of Masako Kaji (Japan) to fill the remainder of the term of office of Mr. Yamazaki, which would expire on 31 December 2007.

3. In a letter dated 19 July 2007 the Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Group of Asian States, had

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informed the President of the General Assembly of the endorsement by the Group of Ms. Kaji to fill the remainder of the term of office of Mr. Yamazaki.

4. At its 106th meeting, on 2 August 2007, the General Assembly appointed Ms. Misako Kaji as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office ending on 31 December 2007.

5. Accordingly, the present membership of the Advisory Committee is the following:

Andrzej T. Abraszewski (Poland)***
Ronald Elkhuizen (Netherlands)*
Jorge Flores Callejas (Honduras)*
Misako Kaji (Japan)*
Collen V. Kelapile (Botswana)***
Guillermo Kendall (Argentina)**
Igor V. Khalevinski (Russian Federation)**
Jerry Kramer (Canada)*
Susan M. McLurg (United States of America)**
Tommo Monthe (Cameroon)**
Stafford Neil (Jamaica)***
Rajat Saha (India)*
Christina Vasak (France)**
Sun Minqin (China)*
Mohammad Mustafa Tal (Jordan)***
Nonye Udo (Nigeria)***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

6. Since the terms of office of Mr. Elkhuizen, Mr. Callejas, Ms. Kaji, Mr. Kramer, Mr. Saha and Ms. Sun will expire on 31 December 2007, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its sixty-second session, to appoint six persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2008.

7. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the sixty-second session.